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10 All right. At this point we're going to begin with
11 the government's opening statement.

12 MR. FELS: Thank you, your Honor.

13 Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, this case is about
14 drugs. This case is about money. This case is about
15 violence. This case is about prisons escapes. This case is
16 about a vast global narco empire, all culminating in the
17 seizure of billions -- and that's with B -- of dollars of
18 illegal narcotics from 1989 until 2014.

19 And the kingpin who ran the organization, who is
20 responsible for these illegal activities, that man, the
21 defendant, Joaquin Guzman Loera, a man from the mountains of
22 Mexico with street smarts. He started low down in the
23 organization, referred to as the Sinaloa Cartel or The
24 Federation. But he sold enough drugs and used instinct and
25 brutality to rise all the way to the top of an organization of